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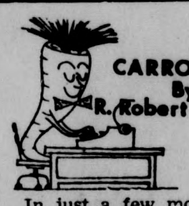

In just a few more days we can put the year 1976 in the history books . . . . and be ready to turn over a new leaf and attempt to take care of all our new resolutions.

— CT —

Although . . . from Washington, they tell us that we did not have such a bad year for 1976, and that rougher times are sure to come . . . Personally it's hard to believe that times could get any worse, but then I remember the depression days of 1930-33, so I am well pleased with what was handed out to me during 1976, and maybe from where I sit things do not look too rosey for the next year, but I do believe we will have a man in Washington that will be trying, and really what more could one ask.

— CT —

In the area of Property Taxes . . . . I am positive something will be done this coming year, and all of us should start camping on the trails of the spenders and see if we can get some of it stopped before they give us some relief in Sacramento and Washington.

— CT —

Oh well, just as well smile about it, so why not end up the year with a few well chosen jokes that should bring a smile to your face, and if we accomplish this maybe . . . Just maybe all of us can keep on smiling all through 1977.

— CT —

He had been around the world. On his return his friends gave him a dinner. He was asked to tell about his journey. Rising, he said, "Friends, I have been all over, and saw everything," and sat down. He couldn't talk at all. The suggestion was made by some one, "Suppose we ask him some questions and then maybe we can get him to talk to us." But you know how timid people are in the mountains. Finally one fellow over in the corner who was full of that Kentucky mountain dew that in New York sells for Scotch whiskey at $12 a bottle, said, "My friend, did you ever have delirum tremens?" He said "No." "By God, then," retorted the questioner, "you haven't been nowhere and you ain't seen nothing!"

— CT —

A southerner got up one night at a revival meeting and said: 'Brudders an' sisters, you knows an' I knows dat I ain't been what I oughter been. Ise robbed hen-roosts and stole hawgs, an' tole lies, an' got drunk, an' slashed folks wi' mah razor, an' shot craps, an' cussed an' swor; but I thank the Lord der's one thing I ain't nebber done: I ain't nebber lost mah religion."

— CT —

A Wall Street broker was the father of a small family which he rarely was able to see, as he was too engrossed in making a fortune. One night, however, he was to stay home and take care of the several young offspring alone. The next morning his wife asked him if he had met with any difficulties. "Oh," he said, "I got them all to bed o.k. except that little red-headed one. I had to lick her before she'd go." "Why, James!" his wife exclaimed, "that isn't our child: she lives across the street!"

— CT —

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Clydesdales To Be At Victory Park Sunday, January 2

Those perennial parade favorites, the huge Budweiser Clydesdales who pull the City of St. Louis float, will be on display Sunday, January 2, with all the other Tournament of Roses parade entries at Victory Park, Pasadena.

The horses will be at the park, Sierra Madre Boulevard and Paloma Street, from 8:30 .m. to 3:30 p.m.

The custom was started after the 1975 parade and was so popular the "repeat" showing was scheduled for the 1976 and 1977 Tournaments.

In their 24th consecutive appearance in the parade, the famed 8-horse hitch will pull the St. Louis float which has the theme "Our Natural Legacy."

Spectators who visit Victory Park (and who previously lamented the absence of the Clydesdale) will have a chance to see them close-up and take photographs.

The horses of Scotch descent, stand 18 hands high and weigh more than 2,300 pounds each.

They travel more than 40,000 miles annutlly to take part in activities such as major parades, fairs, special events and horse shows. For years in the Tournament of Roses they have been noted for providing "smogless" power for the City of St. Louis entries.

Friends Drive Now Open

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library are offering a unique holiday gift idea, for the man who has everything.

"This holiday give a friend a Friend," suggests Mary Tumilty, Sierra Madre city librarian. Currently under way, is a membership drive for the 1977-78 year.

"Present as well as new members should make sure that they join before the first of the year to assure that they receive their membership benefits." adds Mrs. Tumilty.

The primary membership benefits included are: an invitation to the annual wine tasting held in early February, the opportunity to attend opening night of the used book sale, plus your monthly newsletter.

Dues range anywhere from $1 to $100, depending upon the type of membership desired. Offered are individual, family, sustaining, donor and life memberships.

Membership inquiries and any questions should be directed to the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library, P.O. Box 334, Sierraa Madre 91024.

This Is the Year of the Taxpayer!

The California Legislature, on its opening day, December 6, inaugurated what promises to be The Year of the Taxpayer with the introduction of several proposals for residential property tax relief. Few of the bills introduced so fare are really new — most are identical to measures offered last session. What, then, suggests this year will bring enactment of major property tax legislation?

For one thing, the issue is a year older — a year which has seen big homeowner property tax increases, and added taxpayer frustration and anger. Also, there are four property tax limitation initiative proposals now in circulation. Unless the Legislature and the Governor act, a property tax limitation initiative could finally be approved by the people. The political pressures are clearly there.

Another new factor is the involvement of the Governor. The Department of Finance has been working on the issue since early fall, and an administration plan appears to be taking final shape. The Governor's designation of homeowner property tax relief as a top legislative priority is likely to act as a spur to legislative activity and sharpen the determination to get a bill to his desk.

There is another new element in the situation which does not count for as much as the politics of tax reform, but it should be heartening for those who like to think of the legislative process as a rational, informed effort. It is the fact that we have just concluded a legislative interim which saw the development of much new tax research. This has contributed to greater legislative knowledge of state and local taxation, and the 1977 legislative activity starts from a base of a better understanding of essential facts.

Despite the already large number of wide-ranging property tax relief proposals it is possible to make some general predictions about what might happen. Perhaps the safest prediction is that new legislation will be enacted for the reasons indicated. It is unlikely to be a big solution — in terms of raising major alternative revenues for massive property tax replacement — unless the Governor changes his mind about "no new state taxes."

Split roll and split rate proposals will abound, for many reasons. A rationale of some proponents is that it is the only way to maintain access to capital within the property tax while at the same time stopping the shift toward residential properties. On the political side of the ledger, near success of the split roll concept last session will encourage further split roll bills. It certainly proved to be a bi-partisan question. It also appears that the Governor will propose a form of differentiation of property tax base — a split rate and revenue limit for residential and non-residential property.

Council Ends Year With Much Unfinished Business

The Sierra Madre City Council met in its last session of 1976 when Mayor May called them to order at 7:30, calling upon Councilman Thomas Edwards to give the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the invocation, after which Roll Call was held, minutes of the previous meeting approved and the approval of the night's agenda.

The Mayor then called attention, and introduced to those present, Mrs. Patricia Huber, recent new appointee to the Parks and Recreation Commission, after which he called for Administrative reports and Council action items.

The State Personnel Cooperative Services agree ment with S.P.B. to provide employment examinatio n s and related services as requested and required by the City was presented by City Administrator Lund. Council reviewed the agreement and authorized the City Administrator to execute same in the name of the City.

City Administrator Lund then presented Resolution No. 76-75, a resolution endorsing the priority plan for the Urban and Coastal Park

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Sierra Madrean Given Promotion

Alexander Moore has been named Los Angeles district sales manager by C. I. T. Service Leasing Corpor a tion, Calvin T. Kraus, president, announced.

He covers southern California, Arizona and Colorado for the auto and truck leasing firm. He brings to his new post extensive auto and equipment leasing sales experience gained over the past 17 years. Prior to joining C.I.T., Moore had been a leasing executive with El Dorado Bank, Tustin, Calif. Previously he spent a number of year with O'Donnell Leasing and Crocker Bank Leasing.

The new C.I.T. representative, his wife, Lucy, and their three children live in our community.

C.I.T. Service Leasing Corporation is an operating company of C.I.T. Financial Corporation. C.I.T., with more than $7 billion in assets, is among the nation's largest multiline financial services organizations.

New Agency To Be Formed

Keeping the City of Sierra Madre abreast of the requirements of the law, City Attorney Robert Kress presented to the City Council at its regular meeting of Tuesday, December 28, Resolution No. 76-74 which was a Resolution establishing a Sierra Madre "Conflict and Disclosure Monitoring Agency."

The law governing this action was approved by the voters of the State of California in the election of 1974 wherein they voted for a Political Reform Act, and the City must establish a citywide agency, and the Resolution speaks to this law.

Prior to the submission of the code to the City Council, it must be circulated for review, comments and recommendations by all affected city officials and employees or those participating in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect upon a financial interest held by them.

Council, by motion and second, adopted the Resolution, which named the City Administrator as the Administrative Supervisor of the agency who, with the members of that Agency, will be required to hold hearings and adopt a Conflict of Interest Code of the City of Sierra Madre. The Agency will serve as filing officer for reports and serve on an on-going basis, as a "Watchrog" to insure compliance with the newly adopted Code and the Political Reform Act.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONORS SAM TESORO

— Photo by Lee Sims, Photography

SAM TESORO will be awarded the Silver Bowl at the Brookside Country Club on Thursday evening, February 10. Mayor David May will present the award which will give Sam the distinction of being Sierra Madre's Citizen of the Year. This honor was bestowed upon him by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce for his work in obtaining a new Medical Vehicle to be used "Service Free" to every man, woman and child in the City. A plaque will accompany the bowl. Tickets are now on sale for the affair at $10 per each. Contact your Chamber of Commerce for your resevations.

Awards Dinner February 10, Reservations At $10 Each

Sam Tesoro Will Be Remembered By All Needing Emergency Medical Aid

By Jerry Adkins, Chairman

For many years past, the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Sierra Madre has been pleased to honor a citizen of our community for his or her accomplishments during the immediately preceeding year. In our efforts to determine who this individual might be, we actively seek nominations from the many civic groups in our community and the citizens at large.

This year, as in years past, we have received many such nominations and, of course, it is extremely difficult to select the one individual from the many names submitted. We try to base our decision on an activity or accomplishment that has been of significant benefit to our community. We express our heartfelt thanks to all of those who have suggested outstanding citizens.

This year the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce has chosen Sam Tesoro as the 1976 Citizen of the Year for his efforts in the fund raising for the recently purchased Emergency Medical Vehicle. The Chamber will present the Award to Sam at the annual Installation and Award Dinner on Thursday, February 10, at the Brookside Clubhouse in Pasadena.

Sam is 33 years old and was born in Chicago, Illinois. The family moved to Sierra Madre when he was 12 and he attended St. Rita Elementary School and graduated from La Salle High School. He is in real estate sales and property management and is the owner of Tesoro Brand, Wholesale Foods Company.

He has a son, aged 5, and a daughter, aged 4. He became a member of Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club in February of this year. Shortly after joining, Sam had the thought that the Club should begin a major project for the community. Having become aware that the former medical unit required more equipment, Sam questioned a couple of members of the emergency medical team, and was told the real need was for a totally new, larger, fully equipped vehicle, Sam said, "Well, let's see what we can do."

Taking the idea back to the Kiwanis Club, Sam received enthusiastic backing from this group of civic-minded businessmen and was named chairman of the drive. It was his job to publicize the need, keep the City Council informed, visit with civic organizations and bank the money, which mounted steadily.

The community responded wholeheartedly and is indeed grateful to Sam Tesoro for having seen the need and spearheaded the response to it.

Tickets for the dinner are available from any member of the Chamber of Commerce Board.

NEW CITY HALL TO GO CRA

If a new City Hall is to be built in the early part of 1977, the decision will rest entirely with the members of the City Council, and most probably will be made known at its regular meeting of Tuesday, January 11.

Sierra Madre was denied the funds from the Federal Government for the building of the new city hall, therefore their decision will be that the new facilities will have to be build with CRA funds.

For Council Members decision, over the New Year Holiday, was a report given to them Tuesday evening, December 28, wherein the City Administrator gave them the financial program for construction. His report contained three methods of financing, all of which was within the scope of CRA, and could easily be handled by the funds available over the next ten years.

In his report, the Administrator gave the Architect's estimate of building the 13,500 square foot building, at $600,000. Landscaping, furniture, architects' fees, soil tests, utility connections, and incidental legal services connected with the sale of bonds and supplies added another $132,720 estimate to the total.

The various funds show adequate amounts to build the building with an estimate of leasing the building back to the city at $39,000

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WEATHER IN SIERRA MADRE
By Sierra Madre Water Department

	High	Low
Dec. 22	73	39
Dec. 23	72	40
Dec. 24	66	38
Dec. 25	64	40
Dec. 26	77	44
Dec. 27	79	41
Dec. 28	69	40

Total rainfall to date ..2.31"
Year ago to date .....1.06"
2 years ago to date ....5.58"
3 years ago to date ....3.10"
(Season period starts October 1, ends September 30.)

BUDWEISER'S "GENTLE GIANTS" — Famous and familiar throughout the nation because of their appearance at major events during 40,000 miles of travel annually, the Budweiser Champion Clydesdales will conduct their own "road test" with the City of St. Louis float. Known as "gentle giants" for their response to the driver's wishes in maneuvering a well-polished old-fashioned beer wagon, the horses are shown above with their Dalmatian mascot "Bud" on the wagon seat with the expert drivers. They can be viewed Sunday, January 2 at Victory Park.

What Is the Serrano Vs. Priest Lawsuit Now Pending?

The following is the history of the Serrano vs. Priest school finance lawsuit now awaiting a decision by the California Supreme Court:

Priest filed in Los RRDR

1968 . . . . Serrano Vs. Priest filed in Los Angeles Superior Court

The civil class action alleged that the California system of financing public elementary and secondary education violated the equal protection of the laws provisions of the United States and California Constitutions.

Because the financing system relies heavily on revenue from local property taxes, disparities have resulted among school districts in expenditures per pupil. These inequities resulted in unequal educational opportunities among school districts, charged the suit.

Judge Robert W. Kenny dismissed the lawsuit on the ground that such disparities, even if true, were not unconstitutional. Kenny's decision was appealed to the California Supreme Court.

1971 . . . . State Supreme Court hands down historic opinion

In August, 1971, the state's high court reversed Judge Kenny's ruling and held that if the alleged disparities existed, the funding system would be in violation of the United States and California Constitutions.

The case was then sent back to the Los Angeles Superior Court to determine whether spending disparities did exist and if so, whether they resulted in unequal educational opportunities. The Supreme Court had decided the basic legal issues in the plaintiff's favor, but the factual issues could be determined only by a trial court.

1972 . . . . Legislature Passes SB 90

The Legislature interpreted the Supreme Court ruling in Serrano as a mandate to revise education finance and passed Senate Bill 90. The bill contained additional funding for education. SB 90 was implemeted in 1973, providing $332 million in state money to local districts.

1973 . . . . U.S. Supreme Court rules in Rodriguez

The nation's highest court ruled in 1973 in San Antonio Independent School District vs. Rodriguez that the Texas school financing system, basically identical to the California system, was not in violation of the United States Constitution. The court held that education is not one of those specific fundamental rights, such as the right to privacy, which are subject to special treatment under the Constitution.

The court found that the existence of unequal educatioanl opportunities caused by disparities in wealth in the various school systems are not violations of the equal protection clause of the United States Constitution. The Serrano plaintiffs were then left with proving their claims solely under the equal protection provisions of the California Constitution.

1974 . . . Judge Jefferson rules

On April 10, 1974, Superior Court Judge Bernard S. Jefferson ruled that the California school financing system, even as amended by SB 90, violated the equal protection provisions of the California Constitution. The court ruled illegal disparities in expenditures per pupil among school districts caused by differences in local taxable wealth. Not all edpenditure disparities were found unlawful, only those caused by difference in local taxable wealth. The discrimination in tying the quality of a child's education to the value of the property in his or her school district violates equal protection guarantees, held the judge.

Judge Jefferson found that SB 90 did not comply with the 1971 Serrano decision because high spending districts still could spend beyond their revenue limits by voting tax overrides and thereby defeat any equalizing effect of SB 90.

The court found the present system to be unequal in spending, resources and opportunities provided to children in California school districts. The court ruled that such inequalities were in violation of the equal protection clause of the California Constitution regardless of the contrary conclusion reached under federal law in Rodriguez. Education, which historically has been a state not a federal function, is explicitly protected in the California Constitution. Judge Jefferson also ruled that the Legislature had a maximum of six years within which to completely eliminate both spending disparities and tax rate disparities whch are caused by differences in local taxable property wealth. Total compliance was ordered by 1980.

Judge Jefferson expressed no opinion on what method of financing would satisfy the judgment. He did mention four possibilities, however: (1) full state funding with a statewide property tax; (2) consolidation of the present 1100 school districts into 500 districts with boundary realignments to equalize assessed valuations of real property between all school districts; (3) retention of present school boundaries but removal of commercial and industrial property from local taxation for school purposes; and (4) "district power equalizing" (DPE), a plan where districts could choose to spend at different levels, but for each level of expenditures chosen, the tax effort would be the same for each school district choosing such a level.

June 15, 1976 . . . Supreme Court hears oral arguments

Last June the State Supreme Court was asked to consider whether school district financing equalization beyond that allegedly provided by SB 90 was necessary to comply with the high court's own 1971 decision. In a rare action, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal directly from the lower court, bypassing the review of the state Court of Appeal, and speeding up the possible enactment of a new state school financing system.

The Supreme Court took the case under submission and a ruling is expectedly shortly.

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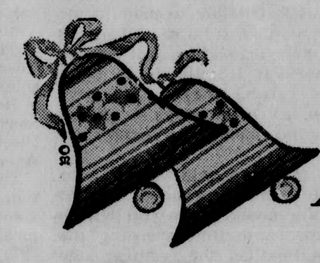
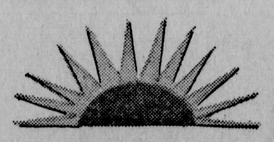


As bells proclaim the New Year, we hope and pray that people the world over may find peace in the days  to come.

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Dear Anita,

Does a furniture store have the right to turn down credit for a widow earning $15,000 per year? My husband left me a property worth $50,000, and I have been able to keep up payments on a $40,000 home. I feel insulted and angry enough to bring suit. What legal recourse do I have?

— M. A. San Francisco

* * *

Dear M. A.,

Many businesses are acquainted with the excellent new laws that prohibit sex discrimination in granting credit. But the California Commission has found that far too many ignore the law.

Several bills passed in the legislative session just ended should insure strict compliance. For instance, there are new, stricter regulations governing credit reporting and investigative procedures.

Under a bill in effect since last January, creditors may not deny credit on the basis of sex or marital status and they must consider child support, spousal support, pensions and social security as income. The law has teeth: violators who are prosecuted are subject to $10,000 punitive damage, and $2,500 fine each day for noncompliance and payment of court costs and attorney's fees.

A new bill, AB 341 (Kapiloff) requires that credit agencies allow consumers to see their credit report and to correct inaccuracies. Another bill, AB 3678, requires credit reporting agencies to maintain a separate file for each account holder. In this way, both spouses build separate credit histories. The bill will go into effect in January 1977.

Finally, SB 973 (Holden), to be effective in March, 1977 requires creditors to notify individuals of the reasons for credit denial.

If you wish to bring action against the company, contact the Attorney General's Office, Room 600, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102. A new booklet, "Credit for Women," is available at the Department of Consumer Affairs, free. Write P.O. Box 310, Sacramento 95834.

— Anita Miller

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State Controller Kennetr Cory announced the distribution of $65,969,023 among the state, cities and counties as the December apportionment of highway users taxes.

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A total of $16,918,653 went dirtctly to the counties; $12,723,968 to cities; $36,296,402 for expenditures on state highways, and $30,000 to the Bicycle Lane Account.

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On Sunday morning the Sunday school, youth and adult classes will convene at 9 a.m.

The New Year's Sunday service will begin at 10:30, with choral participation. The pastoral pulpit message will be "The New Year of - - - ?" It will be based on the words of Jesus "To preach the acceptable year of the Lord," spoken by Him at the beginning of His public ministry when He visited the synagog in Nazareth on the Sabbath.

City Council OK's December Billings

Sierra Madre Councilman Thomas Edwards, having received the Warrant Register for the first half of December, presented Resolution No. 76-76 to members of the City Council and had this to say to his fellow Councilmen:

"I have reviewed the Warrant Register, matched it with the billing and found that all items are either budgeted items, or those approved by the Council as a whole with proper Purchase Orders and all discounts having been taken, I therefore make a motion that Resolution No. 76-76, in the amount of $41,935.46 be approved as presented. The motion received a second and was so approved.

The Finance Officer was instructed to draw the necessary warrants to match the Register and have them signed by the City Administrator, Mayor and the Treasurer of the city and dispatched to the various creditors.

Marion B. Paye Given Final Rites

Rosary was held on Monday, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. and Mass on Tuesday at 9 a.m. for Marion B. Paye, age 61, who passed away suddenly at Arcadia Methodist Hospital in Arcadia on Christmas Day.

A resident of Monrovia, at 235 W. Colorado Blvd., she was a housewife, visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Fred (Shirley) Osti, Jr., in our community. She came to California some 24 years ago and to the area from Montana.

In parting this life she leaves her husband of the home address in Monrovia, John B. Paye, and her daughter Mrs. Fred (Shirley) Osti, Jr., of Sierra Madre and also four grandchildren.

Rev. Robert Gara officiated, with interment in Sierra Madre Cemetery, with Ripple Mortuary of Sierra Madre making all of the arrangements.

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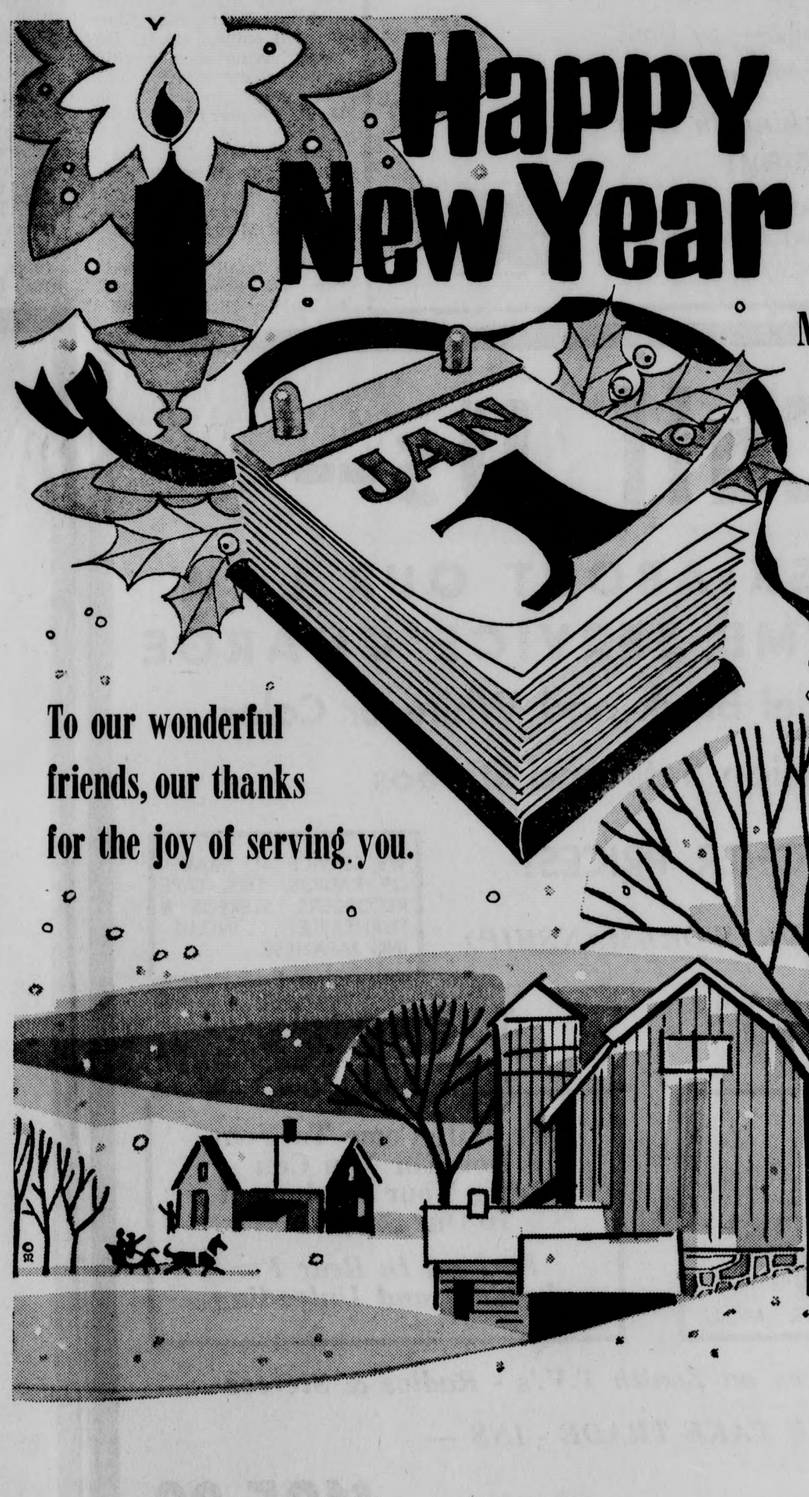

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Out of the Cobwebs of Our Files

Sixty-five Years Ago:
December 15, 1911

A. N. Carter is digging a well near the upper part of Carter's Camp which he expects to yield a considerable flow of water. A short distance down the canyon from the well there is an natural submerged dike which checks the underground flow and brings it near the surface. This, it is expected, will insure a fairly uniform supply. The well is at an elevation of about 30 feet above that of the small reservoir at the foot of Mt. Wilson trail, which will be acquired by the city as a part of the water company's property. During the dry season the water pumped from the plant in the Santa Anita Wash is raised to this reservoir, the lift being something over 300 feet.

J. C. Dickson has been appointed postmaster for Sierra Madre and will take possession of the office about the first of the new year. He succeeds Postmaster Cabot A. Yerxa who resigned after three and one-half years of service to go into business. Mr. Dickson has resigned his position as manager of the Central Avenue Branch of the Home Savings Bank of Los Angeles to assume the new position.

Joint installation ceremonies will be held by Sierra Madre Lodge, F. & A.M. and Sierra Madre Chapter, O.E.S. on the evening of Tuesday, January 2. Both bodies have recently elected officers and the occasion will be made an important one in their history. The Masonic Lodge is just completing its first full year under a charter, and the Easern Star Chapter will enter upon its first year, having been working under a dispensation until the recent session of the Grand Chapter of California.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Martin of Los Angeles are spending a short time at their residence at the corner of Central and Mountain Trail.

H. C. Small has opened a "Specialty Shop" in the Hotel Shirley Block for ladies' and men's tailoring, laundry work, cleaning and pressing. He will also handle a number of household utilities which he will be prepared to demonstrate.

Street Superintendent Hosmer and his force of men have finished the trimming of the pepper trees in South Baldwin Avenue as far as Live Oak. While the trees look a little barren just now their appearance will be less displeasing as it becomes more familiar and as the foliage grows downward again. It is a decided relief to have the low hanging branches removed from the path of pedestrians and vehicles. The sidewalks are less tunnel-like as well. The policy would be a good one to follow all over town if possible. While it would be expensive there seems no other way to accomplish the results, for the city ordinances prohibit the cutting or trimming of street trees except by permission of the park commission. No other method would insure uniform treatment.

Forty-five Years Ago:
December 11, 1931

An exhibition of 54 miniatures by Miss Ella Shepard Bush, of this city, at the Daizell Hatfield galleries in Los Angeles, is attracting widespread attention in art circles.

An explanation of the method by which Sierra Madre hopes to keep the demon want from the doors of the city's unemployed this winter was given the Kiwanis Club and its guests at its weekly luncheon on Tuesday by Mrs. Jessica H. Wright, chairman of the unemployment committee of the city's central relief organization.

The annual election of officers of the Congregational Church followed a family supper at the church on Friday evening, these officers being chosen: S. R. G. Twycross, G. E. Morgridge and N. W. Tarr, directors for two years; L. D. Bodine, clerk; W. S. Hull, treasurer; H. C. Reavis, financial secretary; Mrs. Percy C. Kortkamp, assistant secretary; Daniel Lewis, auditor; Mrs. Eva Moore, Sunday School superintendent and S. R. G. Twycross, chairman of ushers. The election was followed by motion pictures, presented by Rudolph R. Hartman, of his summer vacation in the High Sierras.

Collapse of the Sturtevant Road bridge, Canyon Park, Wednesday afternoon, under the weight of a heavy truck and trailer, called a sudden halt to a project that contemplated using the new Canyon Park roads to haul heavy loads of decomposed granite from Corum's Camp. The accident followed a visit of H. H. Wheeler, president of the Los Angeles Decomposed Granite Co., to

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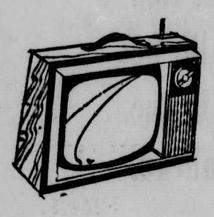

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City Manager Meyers to ask for aa permit. He had made an arcangement with Mrs. Cora B. Corum to clear a three-acre knoll.

A few minutes after a score of children had left the patio of the public school last Thursday afternoon, the windstorm that swept through Sierra Madre and other foothill towns, proved too much for the pergola covering the Japanese garden. It toppled to the ground with a terrific crash. "The children had been out there at recess just a few minutes before," said Miss Steinberger, the principal. The debris has been cleared away. About thirty feet of the pergola, carrying the vine, was swept down. It will be replaced, and in more enduring form. The old vine will be cut back and saved.

For the second time within a year Sierra Madre's prize half-acre garden spot, the home of Evan E. Anderson, 388 Sunnyside avenue, has attracted nationwide attention. It has just received "Honorable Mention," or awards made in the second annual small farm home contest sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Farm and Gardens Magazine of the Los Angeles Times. A year ago the Anderson plot received first prize.

Fifteen Years Ago:
December 14, 1961

Bringing together students of nursery through high school grades, their families and friends, open house was held at 4 o'olock Sunday afternoon, at Anoakia School, this with traditional Yuletide trimmings. The headmistress, Miss Margaret E. Hill, greeted the guests who witnessed the play, "The Littlest Angel," performed by the students; they also heard a program of Christmas songs by the school glee club.

It was a gay and joyous meeting at the Ray Sages on 169 N. Sunnyside, Saturday, Dec. 9, when the General H. Reagan Chapter, No. 2148, United Daughters of the Confederacy, gathered for their holiday-luncheon meeting. Among the 25 guests and members were Mrs. Sylvia Stout, president, and Mrs. Gracie Shepard, publicity chairman, both of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Galbraith of Hartwood Point got in the swing the other evening with a Swiss Fondue Dipping party. A little of old Switzerland right here on the hill, as it were.

Mrs. Ann Height, member of the Board of Education, Pasadena Unified School District, has been elected to the delegate assembly of the California School Boards Association. Mrs. Hight will represent a group of San Gabriel Valley school boards in Los Angeles County designated as Sub-region 13 and 14E on the policy-making body.

By unanimous and rising vote in appreciation for his service the past two years as its president, John H. Curtis, Sierra Madre realtor, was elected for a third term as president of the Chamber of Commerce at its directors meeting Tuesday. Other officers elected were: David Roess, 2re-elected treasurer and Ralph Hurwit, chosen vice president. The 1962 board of directors comprises the following newly-elected and holdingovers: Perry Arnold, John H. Curtis. Douglas Delahook, Joe Delgatto, Frank Dolph, Robert Green, Glenn Gullett, Jim Hall, Ralph Hurwit, John McKibben, Ed Rambeau, Sterling Ripple, Leila Roberts, David Roess, Emile Smith.

Tom and Margaret Schwartz of 287 E. Montecito celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary November 29 with a family luncheon party at the Headliner Restaaurant.

Student Body officers elected at Alverno Heights Academy during the latter part of October, were officially installed by the outgoing president, Mary Drabinski, during a special ceremony, Nov. 21. Class presidents installed were: Freshmen, Kathy Albade, Kathy Hermann, Ann Lorenzen and Maria Simon; Sophomores, Marsha Andersen, Kathy Gibson, Kathy Reinsch and Jerrilynn Rose. Student Body officers for the current year are: Marcia Kelly, president; Mary Glasscock, vice president; Marcy Merrrel, corresponding secretary; Vivian Wakiji, recording secretary; Jenil Ludwick, treasurer, and Phyllis Schneider, sergeant-at-arms.

CARROT TOP

"It was the good ship Equator, a-sailing round the world, and the lady asked the captain to point out the equator. For a joke he got out his bifocals, or whatever they call 'em, pulled a hair from his whiskers, and held it in front of the glass for the lady. 'Now do you see the equator?' Yes, indeed,' yessed she, 'and look at the camel walking on it'."

— CT —

I am a telephone. While I am not broke, I am in the hands of a receiver. I have a mouthpiece, but unlike a woman I never use it. Fellows use me to make dates with girls and girls use me to break said dates. Husbands call up their wives over me and wives call their husbands down over me. I never get to call anywhere, but sometimes the company comes and takes me out. I am not a bee, but I often buzz. I am the "Bell" of the town, and while I do not get jewelry, I often get rings.

— CT —

"Mama, I'se got a stomach-ache," said Nellie Bly, six years old.

"That's because you've been without lunch. It's because your stomach is empty. You would feel better if you had something in it."

That afternoon the minister called, and in the course of conversation remarked that he had been suffering all day with a very severe headache.

"That's because it's empty," said Nellie. You'd feel much better if you had something in it."

— CT —

One of the things in life that get me a little upset, is

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Shrine East-West Game Sun., Jan. 2

The 52nd annual Shrine East-West All-Star Football Game, America's number one all-star football game, airs live on Metromedia Television's KTTV Channel 11 at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, January 2.

The game, played at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto, features 60 of the top collegiate football players from across the nation, representing more than 30 universities. Last year's East - West game drew more than 75,000 fans and is the second oldest post-season football game (exceeded only by the Rose Bowl).

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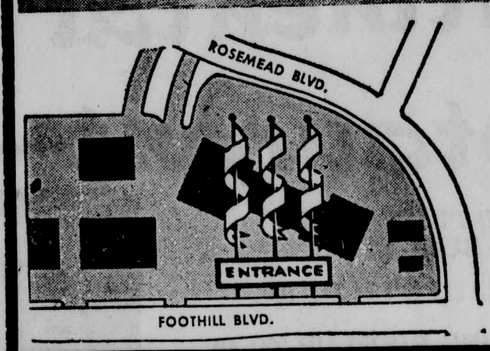

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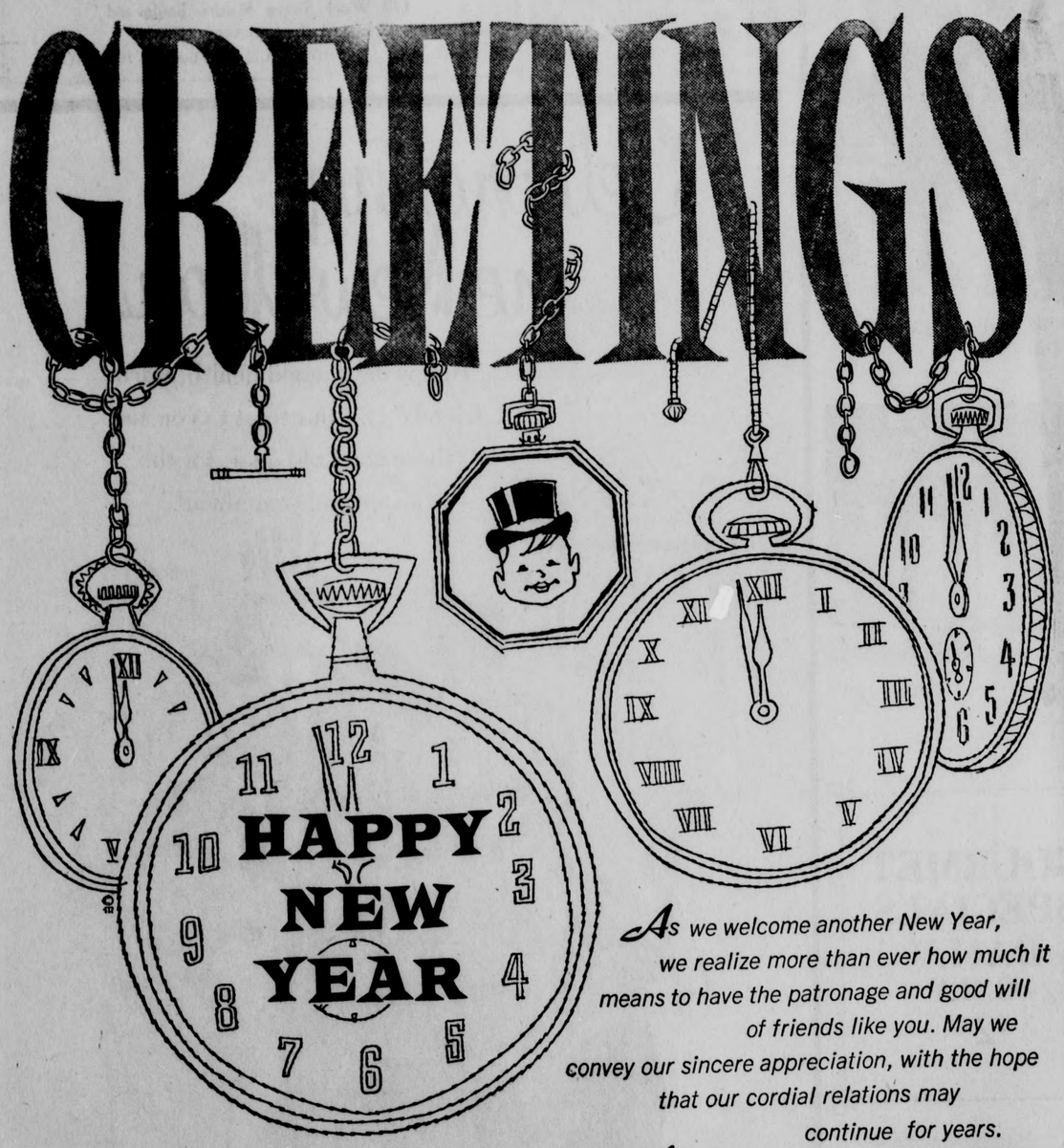

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"California Highlights," Great Western's 1977 calendar full of colorful photographs of California's most memorable events, and an exhibit of brochures on travel tours and the history of clocks are displayed for customer viewing.

As an added attraction, a search is being conducted for Great Western's oldest saving account in the "Oldest Saver Contest" during January. The contest winner will sail on a Weekender Princess Cruise for two to Ensenada, Mexico.

Of interest are drawings for the New Chatsworth mantel clock on display, in addition to grand prize drawings for a Seth Thomas "Tempus Fugit" grandfather clock and several all expenses paid round trips for two along California's scenic coastline aboard Amtrak's passenger train.

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Council Looks To Big Year For 1977

Bond Act of 1976, wherein the City of Sierra Madre would receive approximately $37,105, this money to be available during 1977-78. Council by motion and second adopted the resolution.

Having presented the City Council with a detailed report concerning open hours on Sunday for the Sierra Madre Public Library, Earl Morris, chairman of the trustees of the Library estimated that Sunday attendance during the three hours was approximately an average of between 75 and 80 persons and that circulation was averaging between 140 to 150 per open Sunday. The cost of the opening on Sundays was estimated at $57 per Sunday, and at this meeting of the Council it was explained that the $800 appropriated for the experiment was- exhausted, and additional monies was requested in the amount of $1183, which would guarantee that the open Sunday hours would be maintained for the next 24 weeks, or until such time as the new 1977-78 budget was prepared and approved. After discussion Council felt that this was a worthwhile project and well worth the additional funds and by motion and second approved the necessary money for the continuation of the program.

Having completed the agenda and gave opportunities to those in attendance for any matters of imporance, and then turning to the City Attorney, City Administrator and then each member of the Council, adjournment was called for and a wish by the Mayor and Council for a very happy New Year and a desire to forge forward for the year 1977. The next regular meeting being January 11, 1977.

City Hall

per year with the CRA funds paying the city an interest rate of 7 per cent for money borrowed.

If these figures hold up, the obligation for leasing of the Fire and Police Facility and the new City Hall would run in the vicinity of $92,000 per year and the estimated revenue to CRA for the year 1976-77 being approximately $131,000, giving a cushion for the first year of some $39,000.

Purely hypothetical, but the picture looks rosey over the ten year period of the Lease/Revenue bonds, with the income of CRA advancing each year until it is quite possible that it could reach an income of over $175,000 per year, which would easily retire the bonds of the Police and Fire as well as the City Hall, well within the limits of their sale.

The Council will make the decision on whether to go ahead, and what method of financing will be taken. Costruction could start in late March or April, with completion in August.

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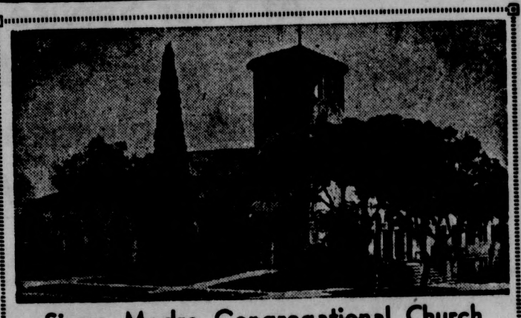

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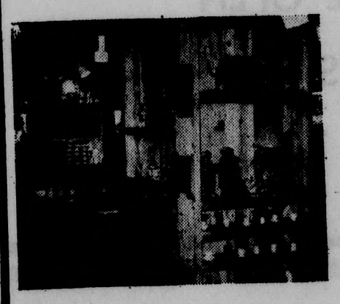

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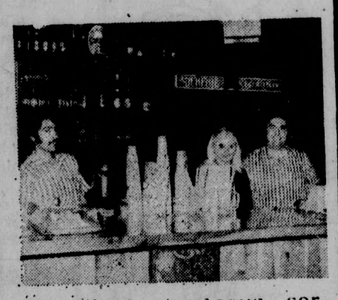

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Editorially Speaking

Limited Property Tax?

A full disclosure or "truth in taxation" law will be introduced in the next session of the legislature by Senate President Pro-Tem James Mills.

In effect, the legislation will be designed to freeze property taxes by eliminating windfalls from inflation-created assessment increases.

Mills outlined his proposal before the California County Assessors Association in Palm Spring November 8. The proposal will be similar to that used in Florida, Hawaii, Montana and Virginia and utilizes the concept of lowering assessment ratios when market values rsie unusually.

The legislation is a counter salvo from the legislature to local government officials who have charged the state legislature has not lived up to the commitment of SB 90 to provide state funding for new o r mandated increases in local government programs.

"I have been reading in the newspapers, statements by some mayors of California cities and some supervisors of California counties that the assessors and the members of the state legislature are the villains of the piece," Mills said. "But that is not true — we didn't raise the taxes. Taxes are not increased by an increase in assessed valuation. Property taxes are the product of multiplying assessed valuation by the tax rate. When there is an increase in the assessed valuation, taxes increase only because local government chooses to accept higher revenues. Taxes are increased because local government refuses to adjust tax rates downward to compensate for the increased assessed valuation.

"Taxes are set by local government at whatever level is necessary to raise the amount of money they choose to spend. Tax income simply matches governmental budgets."

Mills pointed out the state budget has increased 81.4 per cent in the past eight years or about ten per cent per year. During the same eight years school budget have increased 100 per cent or 12.5 per cent per year and all other local governments have increased by 141 per cent or 18 per cent per year.

In the past eight years local government budgets have increased by $10 billion, Mills said. He then translated that into state revenues, showing what would have been needed to fund that increase. A cent on the sales tax yields $800 million. That would have needed a 12 cent increase to meet that kind of demand. On the second highest tax source, income taxes, the rates would have had to be quadrupled.

"The State of California simply cannot satisfy such an appetite for dollars," Mills said.

"My bill will adjust the uniform assesment ratio on a statewide basis from year to year so that the property tax will produce the same amount of money statewide from one year to the next if the tax rates remain the same.

"The bill will contain an allowance for cost of living and for population increases statewide. The effect of the bill will be that local government income will not increase as a result of increases in assessed valuation. The bill does not restrict the power of local government to raise taxes, but it does say that if local government wants more money, it will have to raise the tax rate to get it.

"Passage of the legislation will create a situation where local officials will not be able to blame the assessors or members of the legislature for their decisions to increase their own budgets.

"The bill will help the people understand what is happening to them and who is doing it. It will be a substantial contribution to the concept of responsive representative government."

R. Robert Evans .....Editor and Publisher

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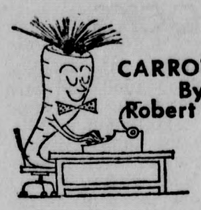

some of the charges that a doctor or an attorney makes when you are in need of a little assistance.

— CT —

I know that they must go to school and spend many, many hours in learning, and I know it is expensive to set up offices and to wait for patients and clientel, but I also know that other businesses in life must also make a living.

— CT —

forth but unable to locate the stairway. Sandy discovered the elevator shaft with the door open and very promptly tumbled to the bottom. Leaning over the opening, Donald called to him friend sprawled out below:

"Did yet get doon a' richt Sandy?"

"Aye, thot I did," replied Sandy. "But mon, be careful o' that first step — 'tis a brute!"

— CT —

Shopkeeper — "Yes, I want a good, useful lad to be partly indoors and partly outdoors."

Applicant — "And what becomes of me when the door slams?"

— CT —

Deaf Mute (by sign language) — "What did your wife say when you got home last night?"

Second Mute (by sign) language) — "She couldn't say a word — I turned off the light."

— CT —

"The duchess has a glass eye."

"How do you know?"

"I was talking with her the other evening and it came out in the course of the conversation."

— CT —

"Marjorie, have you been smoking?"

"No, mother."

"But your breath smells of tobacco."

"Father kissed me goodbye."

"But your father doesn't smoke."

"I know, mother, but his stenographer does."

— CT —

To Kipling an American once wrote: "Hearing that you are retailing literature at $1 a word I am enclosing $1 for a sample. Mr. Kipling complied with "Thanks!" and kept the dollar.

Two weeks later the American wrote him, "Sold the 'Thanks' anecdote for $2. Enclosed please find 46 cents in stamps, being half the profits on the transaction."

— CT —

Knicker — "The florist surely keeps in touch with the slogan, "Say it with flowers'."

Knocker — "What's his method?"

CARROT TOP

Knicker — "Sends a bunch of forget-me-nots with each bill."

— CT —

"Yes," said the specialist, as he stood at the bedside of the sick purchasing agent, "I am sure I can cure you."

"What will it cost?" asked the sick man faintly.

"Ninety-one dollars."

"You'll have to shade your price a little," replied the purchasing agent, "I have a better price from the undertaker."

— CT —

Sandy and Donald were paying their first visit to the metropolis and found the ways of the big hotel not their ways. The morning found them prepared to fare

— CT —

Here is my fondest wish . . . I hope that all through the year as I come and go from the band, that I will have a smile on my face, and as I greet my neighbors also going and coming from the bank that they too have a smile on their faces, I hope, I hope, I hope.

Clydesdales To Be At Santa Anita Race Track Dec. 28

These horses won't win any of the races when Santa Anita's winter racing season opens Tuesday, December 28, in Arcadia, but the Budweiser Champion Clydesdales will aagin be everyone's favorites when they go through their paces prior to the thoroughbred racing program.

The huge horses of Scotch descent are bred for strength and beauty rather than speed, anyway. They stand 18 hands high and average 2,300 pounds in weight — which should give a headache to any handicapper.

Appearing at 11:45 a.m., the 8-horse hitch of "gentle giants" will put on a display of precision control as they pull an old-fashioned 6,000 pound beer wagon.

On New Year's Day the team will make its 24th consecutive appearance in the Tournament of Roses Parade, pulling the City of St. Louis Float — "Our Natural Legacy."

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Q. — I bought stock in Sambo's Restaurants in mid-1972 and while the company keeps bragging about how well it is doing, my investmetn today is not worth as much as I paid for it then. Do you see any hope for this company?

A. — It looks to me like you made a mistake back in 1972 that a great many investors made. You bought a good company, but you paid a ridiculous price for it. If you bought Sambo's in 1972 and paid more than $20 for it, you paid over 40 times earnings for it. What you did was akin to buying a $5,000 automobile and insisting upon paying $20.000 for it. You obviously were caught up in the craze that swept investors to own a part of a franchise food chain.

The company, in the less than the five years that you owned it, has done a very excellent job of trying to make itself worth the price you paid for it. Its revenues have increased over eight times. Its net income is up over three times and its earnings per share are up almost 3 times. Now, at $17 a share ,it is selling for about 12 times earnings which is a fairly good price these days for a stock of its character and quality. We don't know what the future may bring, but if Sambo's continues to increase revenues and earnings in the next five years as it has in the past, it ought to finally be a good investment for you.

Q. — Would you explain what a bond "sinking fund" is please?

A. — When a corporation issues bonds it may provide that it will set up a sinking fund to redeem those bonds. This means the corporation promises, probably annually to pay a sum of money to the bond's Trustee who in turn will buy up as many bonds as the funds will permit. He may buy the bonds on the open market or he may draw bond numbers for redemption by lot. If the bonds have been selling on the market for less than par, the corporation may buy enough bonds on the open market to meet the needs of the sinking fund and turn them over to the bond trustee for cancellation.

A sinking fund provision for a group of bonds is helpful to bond holders in that it reduces the debt of the corporation regularly and consequently reduces his risk. If the bond sells below their sinking fund call price, it can help to support the price being paid on the open market for the bonds by providing some demand for the bonds also helps keep the price up.

The only bad effect on the bond holder is that instead of being able to ccunt on his money being invested for a set period of time at a set rate of return, he may find that his bond is called by lot at any time for redemption.

Mr. O'Hara welcomes your questions but will answer them only through this column. He would be pleased to send a complimentary copy of Better Investing Magazine" or information about investment clubs to any reader requesting it. Send 30 cents for postage and write to: Today's Investor, P.O. Box 220, Royal Oak, Michigan 48068.

Human Care Now At La Vina Hosp.

For the first time in Medical - Vocational Rehabilitation history, a combined human - care program, bringing together the fields of Vocational Rehabilitation and Cardiac-Pulmonary Rehabilitation, was introduced to the public during an open house held at La Vina Hospital in Altadena on Thursday, December 16, between 3 and 6 p.m.

The pioneer human-care treatment program combines medical and vocational evaluation and rehabilitation for individuals disabled from heart and lung diseases, with the goal of helping them get back to work. To enable a disabled person to return safely to his job is one of the great aims of modern medicine. To help a person with a severe pulmonary disorder or with a previously crippling heart attack, to improve him so that he could again become independent and useful to himself is one of medicine's great objectives, but one which requires a large number of specialists working as a team. That includes doctors, nurses, physical therapists, psychologists, vocational counselors and others to help the patient improve and develop a plan.

The program slated to serve the needs of people statewide is situated on several hundred acres of ground, which make up the La Vina Hospital location in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains above Altadena, just off the Foothill Freeway.

Jose Ferrer will present his one-man show, "The Art of the Monologue" at the Claremont Colleges' Garrison Theater Friday and Saturday evenings, January 7 and 8, at 8. This production has been optioned by Joseph Papp for a Broadway engagement this spring.

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Serrano Vs. Priest Decision May Help Major Tax Reform

The California Supreme Court is expected shortly to hand down its long-awaited decision in Serrano vs. Priest, the case challeging the constitutionality of the current method of financing public schools in California. The court is expected to invalidate tne current school financing system because it produces wide disparities in expenditures per pupil among California shool distrits, according to the opponents.

The impact of the case will be enormous and far-reaching, affecting the distribution of $7 billion in public funds for the education of 4.5 million school children. The case has added significance because it probably will lead to major property tax reform.

Many questions will arise following the release of the court's opinion and the Western Center on Law and Poverty has released a lot of information designed to provide background information on the case, its history and development (included elsewhere in a companion article). Also included are a description of the school financing system and some facts and figures about California schools.

Western Center on Law and Poverty, Inc. filed Serrano in 1968 in Los Angeles Superior Court. The Center is a non-profit corporation funded by the federal Legal Services Corporation to provide legal assistance to the poor.

Roof Fires Increase With Shake Roof Construction

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has released County Fire Department statistics which pinpoint combustible roof fires in the County during the first seven months of the year for more than $460,000 in property damages.

Of the 231 roof fires during the period, 229 were combustible type roofs, Hahn reported.

A strong advocate of banning all future untreated wodo shingle roofs in the County, Hahn is seeking to amend the buildiug code to require less fire-hazardous roofs in all fire zones under county jurisdiction.

"If more than 400 cities and towns in 36 states, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, have seen fit to ban wood shingles on roofs, there is no reason why we cannot do the same thing here where we know from experience that ordinary wood shakes and shingles have helped fuel great fires in Malibu and Bel Air," Hahn declared.

Opponents of a proposed ban contend restrictive measures are only needed in foothill fire - endangered areas.

"I totally disagree with this argument," Hahn said, "since a house fire can occur anytime, any place, and ignite other fires when pieces of burning wood become airborne and leapfrog in the wind."

In a related report by the State Fire Marshal, Hahn said statistics reveal that there were more than 60,000 residential fires in the state in 1974 and 1975, about 2,000 of which originated in roofs. The City of Los Angeles reports that the number of fires originating on roofs during the past three years has jumped from 340 to 410.

The state report indicated that total statewide property damage caused by residential fires in 1974 and 1976 amounted to $66,889,138.

Hahn said the Board of Supervisors will again take up the matter of banning future untreated wood shingle roofs next April,. and predicted his long fight to enact such an amendment will be successful.

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Gasoline Usage Hits New Highs

Huntington Memorial Hospital has a new telephone system, called Centrex, under which all hospital departments can now be dialed directly. Therefore, the previous telephone number, which was 796-0371, is no longer in use.

The new 1977 Northeastern telephone directory, which is now being delivered by Pacific Telephone Company representatives, contains all of the hospital's new numbers. There are a total of 53 separate listings.

For information regarding patients, call 440-5252.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

So the Federal Government's Swine Flu Program has come to a screeching halt. What good news! That's exactly what should be done with 90 per cent of all government programs today.

Do people actually have to die before awakening to the fact that federal government programs are as deadly as any swine flu program? Unfortunately for us, the purpose of government programs today (contrary to all principles of the Constitution) is to level America down with more and more programs and controls in order that we can be merged with Communist countries in a New World Order. That is even more dangerous than swine flu innoculations, as it is killing the spirit of America. Make no mistake about it, we are as much the guinea pigs in other government programs as we were supposed to be in the Socialized flu program.

Ask yourself a few questions: Is busing of school children violating our Constitutional Right to freedom of choice? Is government taxation and government inflation designed to destroy the middle class as in Communist Russia or China and Nazi Germany, et al?

Is government meddling in the Free Enterprise system going to eventually put all business into the hands of government? Is the government's foreign policy making a mockery of our once great nation? Does the federal government plan to replace our Constitution wiih the United Nations Charter? Is transportation deliberately being curtailed by government - subsidized clean-air freaks to be eventually and then totally controlled by government?

Is government spending us into bankruptcy in order to bring about the worst depression history has ever known? Is government subsidizing our school system in order to make Scoialistic robots of our children? Unfortunately the answer to these and many similar questions is a resounding — yes!

The paralysis that is being brought about by our federal government today is deadly and the sooner Americans wake up; and then get up and look around at what is really happening; then stand up on their haunches to get goveriment off their backs, the sooner we can get rid of not only government phony flu programs, but all of government's phony, yet deliberately destructive programs.

There is still time to throw off the government shackles if only the American people haven't been so mesmerized into looking to government to solve their problems instead of realizing that when government pretends to help us it is only a facade to control us.

— Eileen Armour
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Huntington Hosp. Changes Numbers

California motorists continued to break records for gasoline consumption in October.

George R. Reilly, member, State Board of Equalization, announced that usage was at an all-time high for October — 3.1 per cent greater than October 1975, 3.9 per cent higher than October 1974, and 1.7 per cent more than during September.

The gasoline distribution data shows taxable sales by distributors to retail outlets, importers, and wholesale distributors pay seven cents per gallon tax on their distributions to retailers. The State Board of Equalization administers the state fuel tax.

Reilly said that California's October revenue from that tax was $62.77 million, up more than $1.1 million over September, and almost $1.9 million higher than October 1975.

Artie Shaw's "Begin the Beguine" and Glenn Miller's "String of Pearls" are among the numbers to be played in the big band tradition at a free concert at Pasadena City Colleges Harbeson Hall Wednesday, January 12, at 8:15 p.m.

CIRCULATING AMONG BUYING PUBLIC SIERRA MADRE NEWS

State Controller Distributes Taxes

State Controller Kenneth Cory reported distribution of $29,992,524 to cities and counties as the December apportionment of state-collected "in-lieu" motor vehicle license fees.

Cory reported that Los Angeles County received $4,932,733. In addition, the City of Sierra Madre received $11,034.

The distribution represents the cities and counties share of license fees and other revenue deposited in the Motor Vehicle License Fee Account during November.

Cigarette Taxes Give S.M. $2,376

State Controller Kenneth Cory announced the distribution of $6,887,477 to counties and cities as the December apportionment of cigarette tax.

Los Angeles County received $167,399, and Sierra Madre got $2,376. The 58 counties' share was $1,354,650 and the cities' share totaled $5,532,827.

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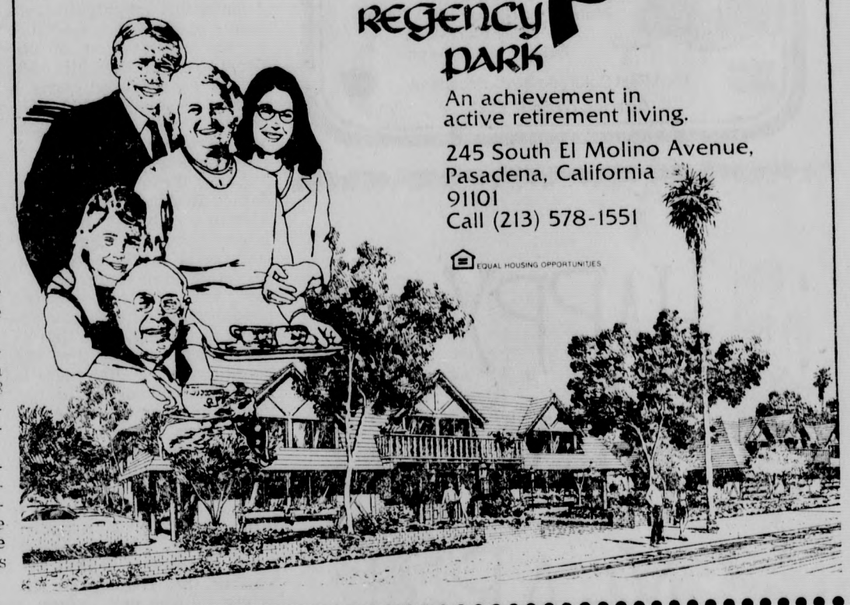

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The Spirit of the New Year brings to mind a greater appreciation of old acquaintances and a higher value of close friendships. Lest we not forget our loyal friends and neighbors, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your good will throughout the year and to wish you good health and prosperity, always.

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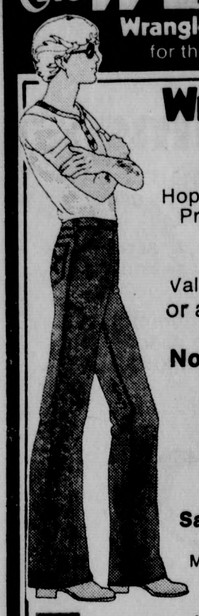

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Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:

Fans of John Conte's fascinating KMIR-TV program "Town Talk," though perhaps unknowingly, were accorded an unusual treat and a real honor when Mr. Conte recently interviewed Philip Crane, Americanist Republican Congressman from Illinois who was visiting in Palm Springs, California. Seldom are Americans given the opportunity of even learning of the existence of such pro-American, anti-collectivist members of Congress as the Honorable Philip M. Crane, for the kept segment of the mass media delights in parading before the public the most radical, collectivist, pro-Communist Congressmen available — of which there are many!

From a Conservative, Americanist standpoint, on issues of unmost importance to the preservation of our Constitutional Republic, Mr. Crane consistently earns a perfect score of 100. His voting record would delight Mr. Average American, if only he knew about it!

Along those lines, Senator James B. Allen, Democrat of Alabama, shares the oft-proved opinion that the country is much more Conservative than Congress. "If just ten per cent of the people who feel that government is too big, that there's too much control by the bureaucracy, or that there is too much control by the national government over the daily lives of our people, would write their Congressmen and Senators and tell them this," Senator Allen urges, "it could very well turn our government around; it could reverse some of the trends that are leading this country in the wrong direction." Senator Allen emphasizes that no government policy can exist or continue unless it is supported by public opinion. "The views of each citizen, when expressed to members of Congress, can have a powerful effect on their thinking."

These statements have been proven true time and again by the diligent efforts of courageous, informed patriots who put the preservation of liberty and freedom, honesty and decency above the fun and games one sees on every side. Time is running out. Why don't you join them?

— Dorothy Walden

Dear Editor:

Officially "forgiving" various types of Red traitors has become the fashion, but the frighteningly fascinating implications surrounding such ceremonies rarely make the big-time news. Observe:

Last February, United Auto Workers president Leonard Woodcock bombarded U.S. Senators with requests that the citizenship of Eugene Victor Debs, taken from him in 1918 after he was prosecuted on a charge of sedition and convicted under a federal espionage law, be restored posthumously. While the issue was still before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republican Senator Strom Thurmond withdrew his objection which would have killed the measure. And on June 30, 1976, the Senate unanimously voted to reinstate the citizenship of Comrade Debs.

Senator Birch Bayh championed Debs, saying that he was "a political activist ahead of his time . . . Most of the things he espoused are now the law of the land."

Senators Bayh and Thurmond should read the lengthy analysis of Debs in the excellent "Biographical Dictionary Of the Left." They would learn that Debs "had spent the greater part of six months in jail studying the writings of Marx, Engels, and other Socialists." By 1920 "he would be a flaming Red revolutionary, ready to use America's labor force to upset the nation's entire economic, political and social structure."

At a Socialist Party rally in Cleveland in 1919, Debs said: "I am going to speak to you as a Socialist, as a Revolutionist, and as a Bolshevist . . . " Accepting the Socialist Party's nomination for President, Debs said that he supported the Russian Revolution "which I consider the greatest single achievement in all history. I am still a Bolshevik. I am fighting for the same thing here they are fighting for there . . ."

You will remember that Senator Birch Bayh (D.—Indiana), who championed Debs, was among the "Liberal" Democrats who followed the primaries last spring in search of the Presidential nomination.

— Dorothy Walden

The ew profile of Holland rising from a country brimming with medieval history and tradtional culture will be detailed in Pasadena City College's Tuesday Evening Forum January 11 at 7:30 p.m. in Sexson Auditorium.

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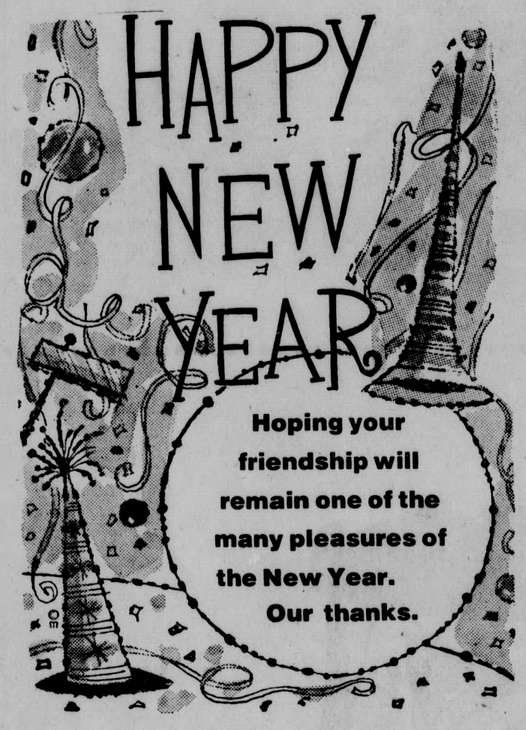
Investigation of Public Defenders

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has asked for an investigation of why the number of private lawyers assigned to serve as public defenders in Superior and Municipal Courts has increased 59 per cent during the last two years.

In a motion adopted by the Board of Supervisors, Chief Administrative Officer Harry Hufford was instructed to review the problem and report back to the board within 30 days on reasons for the increase and recommendations for reducing the cost.

The cost for private lawyers was $5.3 million two years ago, compared with $8 million this year.



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How About Tax Spending?

Tax Reform Priority To Be Asked of State Legislature

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has asked the California State Legislature to make property tax reform its No. 1 priority during the upcoming session.

In a resolution adopted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors, Hahn said: "A major overhaul in the property tax structure is needed to relieve the heavy tax burden on the homeowner."

The resolution was the first action of the Board at its annual reorganizational meeting.

"Immediate steps can be taken by the legislature in order to implement such reform during the upcoming session," Hahn said.

"The first step, which must be taken, is to increase the homeowners property tax exemption to include the first $25,000 of market value," Hahn said.

"The second step is to remove welfare from the property tax, an action which would save Los Angeles County taxpayers more than $290 million per year."

Hahn also suggested new ways must be found for financing education, other than property taxes.

"Removing the cost of welfare and of schools would cut property tax bills in half," he said.

The formal action of the Board of Supervisors was to ask the State Senate and Assembly "to make property tax reform the No. 1 priority on the upcoming legislatives session."

Supervisor Hahn did not mention any steps which the Board of Supervisors were willing to take to cut down on the tax bite.

Sales Tax To Sierra Madre

More than $109.79 million was distributed this week to California cities and counties from the December allocation of sales and use tax receipts.

George Reilly, member, State Board of Equalization, announced that California cities received $70.58 million and the counties $13.38 million for a combined cities, counties total of $83.97 million. The counties also received $20.71 million from the one-quarter per cent local sales and use tax for the county transportation fund.

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) received $4.35 million and the Santa Clara County Transit District (SCCT) erceived $750,000 from the additional one half per cent sales tax paid in their respective counties. The BART counties are Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Francisco.

The city of Sierra Madre will receive $9,345.76 as its share of the $70.58 million and the county of Los Angeles will get $2,007,672.67, plus $6,439,991.77 from the one quarter per cent county local transportation fund.

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The California Commission on the Status of Women will offer the third in a series of workshops to develop job opportunities for minority women on Saturday, January 8, at University of Southern California, Davidson Conference Center. Keynote speaker is Maxine Waters, newly elected assemblywoman (D-Los Angeles). Irene Tovar, member, State Personnel Board, will open the conference, speaking on "Upward Mobility Programs."

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Malpactice Crisis Is Still With Us Says Richardson

By Sen. H. L. "Bill" Richardson

In an effort to solve the "malpractice crisis," legislators have introduced literally dozens of bills in every state in the nation. Many of these bills have passed, yet the so-called crisis remains. Why is this so? Who is actually to blame for the sky-rocketing costs of medical liability insurance and, more importantly, what is the solution?

The costs of liability insurance has risen for many physicians from a few hundred dollars a year to 25 and 30 thousand dollars annual premiums. Are the insurance companies getting rich? Hardly. In fact, even at these outrageous rates most companies refuse to carry medical liability insurance at all.

Are the doctors of today more prone to malpractice than their predecessors? No, the fact is that a malpractice incident was alleged or reported in only one out of 158,000 doctor-patient contacts in 1970, according to the U.S. Department of Healh, Education and Welfare. The number of actual claims filed was only one in 226,000 patient visits.

This means that out of the 2,269,668,000 patient visits in the year 1970, only 14,500 claims were actually filed — a probability of .00000639! Whatever it may be, a malpractice crisis it is not. In fact, only ten per cent of these claims ever go to court, with only a fraction of these resulting in a favorable decision for the patient.

In the 16,000 cases resolved in 1970, only 8,000 resulted in lawsuits. Of that number, 80 per cent never went to trial. Of the 1,600 cases that did go to trial, the plaintiff won only 20 per cent of the time, which means that the total number of successfully litigated malpractice suits in 1970 was about 320. Although the final statistics are not yet available, preliminary evidence indicates that the current figure is perhaps 500 or 600 a year. To appreciate that figure we must keep in mind that this is out of more than two billion patient visits per year. Frankly, I think that is an indication of the truly fine quality of medical care which we enjoy in this country.

I believe that the actual problem is not a medical one at all, but rather a juridical problem. Unfortunately, a relatively small number of judges have adopted a new philosophy which runs contrary to the basic American concept of justice. In the past few years, these judges have been awarding increasingly large sums of money to plaintiffs even though the doctor was found innocent of any wrongdoing.

In the case of Helling vs. Carey, one such judge in Washington cited in his opinion, "There is a strong and growing tendency, where there is no blame on neither side, to ask, in view of social justice, who can best bear the loss and hence to shift the loss by creating liability where there has been no fault."

The judge stated earlier that. "In some cases the defendant may be held liable, although he is not only charged with no moral wrongdoing, but has not even departed in any way from a reasonable standard of intent or care . . ."

In other words, the judge in this case decided to rule in favor of the patient even though the doctor was found to be innocent of any wrongdoing or negligence in a traditional sense. The patient won the case simply because he had fewer assets than the doctor.

The problem with judges arbitrarily taking it upon themselves to redistribute the wealth is that this completely destroys actuarial predictability, that is, the ability of the insurance company to reliably forecast how much they will pay out in claims in the future. Since, according to this new principle, any judge can give away any amout he wishes any time he wishes for whatever reason, insurance companies have been understandably hesitant to offer liability insurance and then only at greatly inflated rates.

What effect has this philosophy of wealth re-distribution had on the number of claims filed against doctors? No one can be sure, but the Department of Health, Education and Welfare informs us that 60 per cent of all those filing claims for alleged malpractice report having no income whatsoever!

Unfortunately, the problem doesn't stop there. Now other professional groups are finding themselves in the same situation. Businessts unable to meet the high premiums for product liability insurance are closing their doors or simply passing on the costs in the form of higher prices.

Although the "come-and-get-it" judges represent only a tiny fraction of the whole, their doctrine of liability without guilt is creating chaos in every sector of the economy.

Even the taxi companies in California have been told to pony up for higher liability insurance premiums or go out of business. But we shouldn't worry about the cab drivers, because there are many opportunities for hacks.

Some even become judges.

Dr. Samuel Shore, who holds the distinction of being both a successful trial lawyer and a respected medical doctor, has been eleted president of Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association for 1977.

The California Highway Patrol will recruit for the traffic officer cadet position in January as first step in the timetable to put a class in the Academy during July of 1977.

Edison Given Rate Raise With Delay

The California Public Utilities Commission has granted Southern California Edison authority to increase rates $44.5 million a year — but rates will remain status quo until at least May 1 because of a reduction in the utility's Energy Cost Adjustment Billing Factor (ECABF) also approved by the PUC.

The $44.5 million rate increase is the PUC's final decision in an Edison application filed in June, 1974, which sought a $339 million increase. An interim increase equivalent to $78.1 million was awarded to Edison last December, bringing the total granted with today's increase to $122.5 million.

The rate reduction ordered today also amounts to $44.5 million out of a possible $93.4 million under the ECABF procedure and stems from lower costs to Edison of supplying electricity between September 1, 1975, and August 31 of this year.

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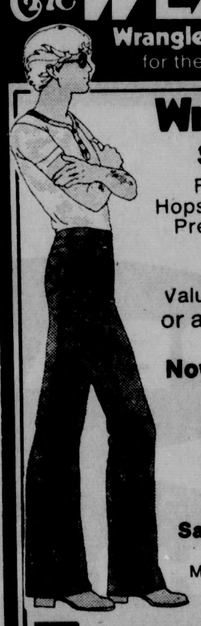
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The Money You Earn In Your Name May Not Be Yours

The money you earn, save and spend in your own name may not be yours alone . . . at least not if you're married, Bank of America says in a report released today.

"In California, the income you earn after marriage legally belongs as much to your spouse as it does to you," the bank says in "Money Management for the Two-Income Family," its latest Consumer Information Report.

This community property concept is one of many factors couples having "his" and "hers" paychecks must consider in planning their family budgets. This law means either spouse has the right to act alone in controlling and managing almost all community property, the report states. "Generally, most property acquired after marriage is considered community property unless otherwise agreed upon, and separate property includes anything you owned before marriaeg or anything you alone receive as a gift or inheritance."

Budgeting, the report says, takes on increased importance when two incomes are involved. As usual, it's a control on spending, but it can also clearly outline financial responsibilities. The report outlines three basic alternatives for financial planning — pooling both incomes, pooling parts of the two incomes, and maintaining separate incomes.

Pooling both incomes, the bank says, is the simplest and most economical budgeting method, requiring just one joint checking account and thus a minimum of service charges. However, this method also requires a high degree of cooperation to work well.

"Pooling part of your incomes and reserving the rest is a flexible approach providing for both separate and joint needs," the report says. It requires three checking accounts however — two separate and one joint — and thus entails more bookkeeping.

The third option, totally separating the income and expenses, preserves each spouse's financial identity which could be important for tax or business related purposes, the report says, adding, "This system, too, is a bookkeeping headache."

Two-income couples have to spend money to make money. Most jobs, the bank says, entail extra spending on items like transportation, clothing and lunches. But new costs can also extend to more expensive items like child care, household help and even eating out more often. Couples must periodically take a hard look at the cost of two careers.

"To calculate the expenses of earning two incomes," the report advises, "single out of the budget any expenses directly related to the fact that both of you work and subtract these from your combined take-home pay." Next, calculate present or expected financial benefits of both working, for instance, greater insurance coverage and better fringe benefits. "Then if added real costs are greater than the benefits," the report adds, "you might reconsider the actual cash value of two careers."

The report outlines the advantages and disadvantages of applying for credit separately or jointly, the factors involved in filing separate or joint income tax returns, and the types of life and disability insurance needed when maintaining a standard of living depends on two incomes.

Cooperation, the report concludes, is the key to the successful management of two incomes, compromising where necessary to resolve the opposing tugs of "yours," "mine," and "ours."

"Re-evaluate your budget at regular intervals, as well as when the family situation changes dramatically, in order to keep it safetly on track," the bank advises.

"Money Management for the Two-Income Family" is available at Bank of America branches.

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Having been selected as "Citizen of the Year 1976" by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, I accept this honor on behalf of the hundreds of Sierra Madre, and vicinity, Citizens who made this possible, without them the Kiwanis Medical Fund would not have been the success that it was proclaimed.

I personally invite you to the Annual Installation Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 10, 1977, at the Brookside Clubhouse in Pasadena. At this time I hope to be able to thank each of you personally.

A SINCERE THANKS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

SAM TESORO

"Kiwanis Medical Fund Chairman"

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Letter To the Editor

Dear Edior:

Hi, Big Brass. Cracked voice this morning! So, I'm telling you the cheerful Christmas news via letter instead of by phone.

My niece, Georgie Christensen was in Palm Springs. Sunday afternoon, December 12, she started out to take her hostess' elderly mother shopping. Georgia's car was on the street. She had some things to put in the back, so she put her purse on top of the car . . . Passenger comfortably settled, everything ready . . . And away they went. When she had gone about a mile, the driver behind her was frantically horn-tooting. Georgia pulled off to the side and stopped. As the woman went by she yelled "Purse." Almost at the same time another woman driver yelled "purse."

Georgia with a shock remembered. She turned around, drove back . . . but could not find her purse. Georgia's passenger told her not to worry, she was praying for the return of her purse. At her suggestion, Georgia reported it to the Palm Spring Police Department.

Georgia left Palm Springs early the next morning. She was not going to let any lost purse keep her from visiting with her Uncle Ray and Aunt Lillian on their 58th wedding anniversary and Uncle Ray's 85th birthday. She was here by 8 a.m. Monday, December 13. While here she did the necessary phoning, cancelling, etc. Her purse contained $30 cash, $100 Travelers' checks, an unendorsed $500 check, her checkbook, driver's license, credit card, etc.

She left here at noon. On the way home (Long Beach) she stopped at two banks and some other places to sign necessary documents. At six o'clock Georgia phoned me. She had her purse! A man phoned her. He saw her purse fly off the car. He picked it up. Tried to overtake her. Lost her. He asked directory service for a listing on the name on her checks. Phone listing different. He phoned the Palm Springs Police. They gave him her number. He is a real estate broker, in Palm Desert.

He and his wife were visiting friends at Hacienda Heights. He directed her to go to a certain service station, as the friend's address difficult to find. He gave her a phone number for Georgia to call from the service station and he would soon be there with her purse. Georgia lost no time in getting there . . . And soon her purse was returned to her all intact. The nice man would take no reward.

She returned home with a warm feeling . . . also she had learned a worth-while lesson. How could she be so careless."

The next day she phoned me than when she went to the banks and other places to report the return of her purse, everyone was so happy . . . Really rejoicing.

Georgia said, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus; and thank God there are honest people."

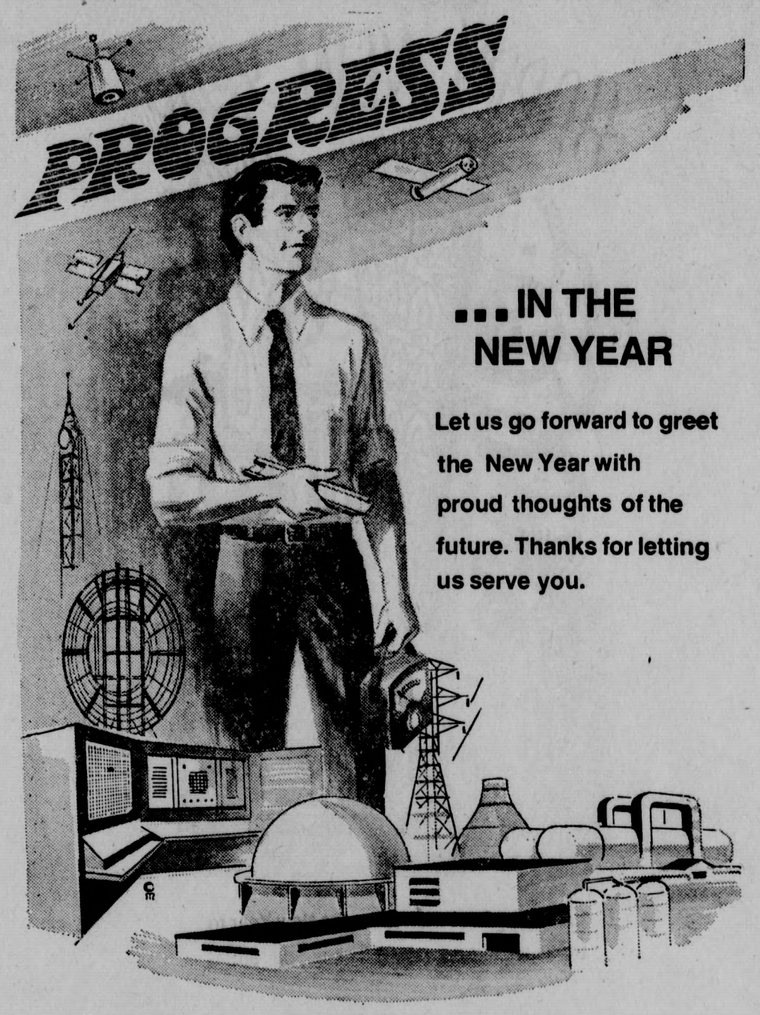
Lillian B. Sage

Seal Funds Help In Lung Diabetes

Evidence that a naturally occurring hormone called noreppinephrine may be a significant factor in the development of pulmonary hypertension among chronic lung disease patients has been uncovered by a medical research team working under a Christmas Seal grant.

In experiments at Harbor General Hospital, pulmonary hyertension in animals has been significantly reduced by stopping the production of norepinephrine, according to the UCLA-Harbor team directed by Craig E. Juratsch, Ph.D.

The City of Los Angeles has been awarded a $28.390 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to enable the first major exhibition of the architecture and related designs of Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene to be presented in the city's Municipal Art Gallery.



...IN THE NEW YEAR

Let us go forward to greet the New Year with proud thoughts of the future. Thanks for letting us serve you.

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The Fear of Earthquakes Greater With Small Children

The fear of being separated from family or loved ones is often greater than the fear of death or injury during an earthquake, a psychologist told students gathered to hear about earthquakes and predictions at the University of Southern California last week.

Dr. Steven Howard of the San Fernando Valley Child Guidance Clinic, participating in a panel sponsored by USC's Institute for Disaster Preparedness, said parents did more harm to their children in the 1971 earthquake by leaving them alone with a feeling of abandonment.

"During an earthquake, children are more afraid of separation, and their inactivity creates additional anxiety," Dr. Howard said.

He agreed with other panel members, Dr. Thomas Henyey, associate professor of geological sciences and Dr. Robert Stallings, associate professor of public administration, that preparing for an earthquake — having a plan — is one important result of anticipating an earthquake.

"It's the insecurity behind the reality (of the earthquake) that is disturbing," Dr. Howard said. "People need to have a plan so they won't panic when the earthquake happens."

Dr. Henyey said most people in southern California do little to prepare themselves for an earthquake, and even when they hear a prediction of an impending quake, they do little to respond.

He said USC is making significant strides in the study of earthquakes, based on the development of sophisticated equipment, laboratory research and the benefit of successes in predictions by Japan, China and Russia.

Earthquake predictions are not new, he said, but they are still not accurate.

"We still don't completely understand earthquakes," Henyey said.

Dr. Stallings, a sociologist, explained the large interest in a controversial prediction of a major earthquake on December 20, by saying that Americans like to "pull for the underdog.

"We like the idea of a backyard amateur scooping the entire scientific community," Stallings said.

The panelists agreed there will be a major earthquake in southern California but no one knows when.

Dr. Henyey said, "It could be anytime within the next 100 years, we don't know. It could be tomorrow. We do know it will happen sooner or later."

He added, any prediction, to be valid, must include the magnitude, time and place. For such a prediction to be more useful than harmful it must be accurate, so that people can be prepared.

Elementary School Menu

50c TRAY LUNCH
January 3 - 7, 1977

Monday — Pizza, buttered peas, mixed fruit, and milk.

Tuesday — Lasagna, tossed green salad with garlic - oil dressing, pear and plum cup, cinnamon roll, and milk.

Wednesday — Vegetable stew with cheese puff topping, celery sticks, sliced peace sauce over white cake and milk.

Thursday — Toasted cheese sandwich, buttered peas and carrots, orange wedges, goody goody bars and milk.

Friday — Barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes, orange juice gelatin, golden roll and butter and milk.

When the Eve is over, here's hoping the happiest New Year ever awaits you and your family. Thanks for your patronage!

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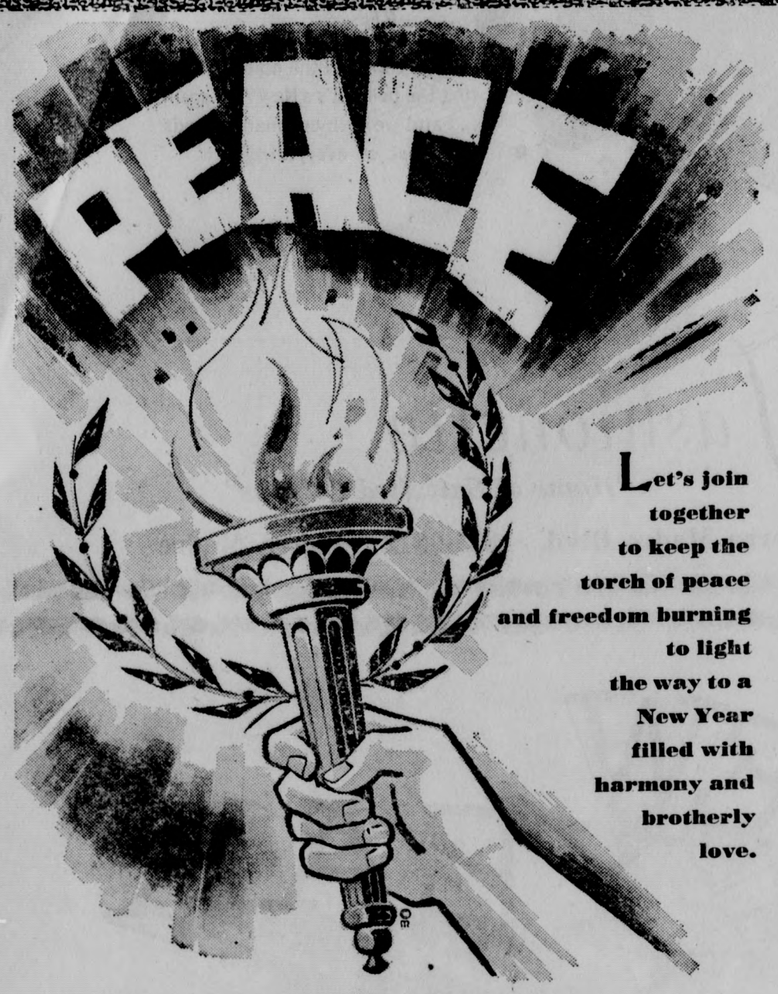

Let's join together to keep the torch of peace and freedom burning to light the way to a New Year filled with harmony and brotherly love.

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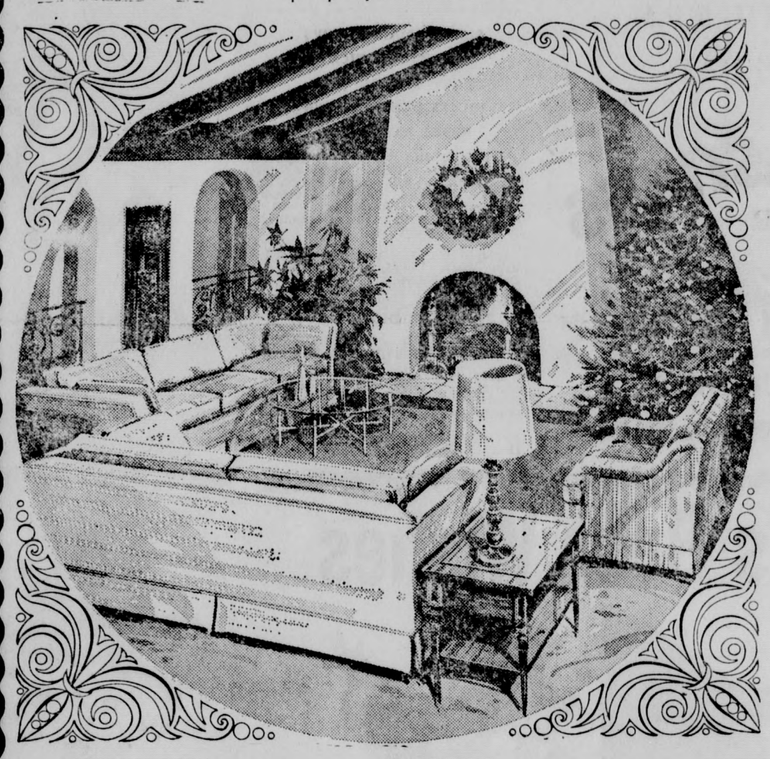

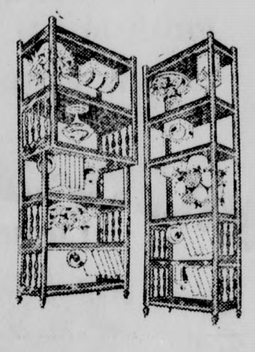

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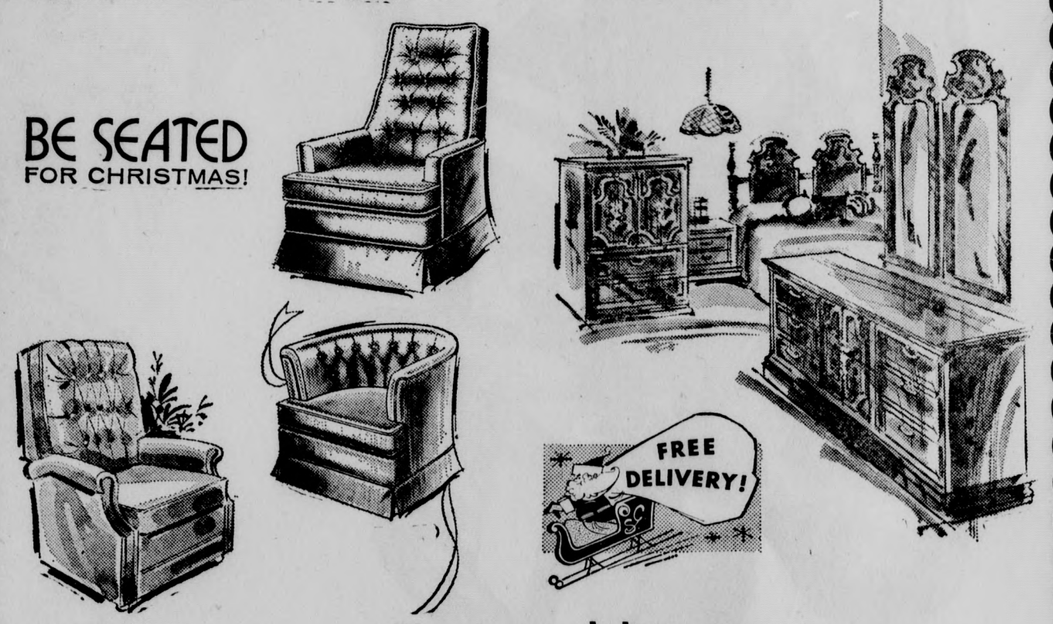

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Signed Robert K. Rumohr, President

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The following person is doing business as: Contractors Equipment & Marine Repair, 110 South 5th Avenue, Arcadia, California 91006
Arthur Lawrence Lorenzini, Sr., 155 North Sunnyside Avenue, Sierra Madre, Calif. 91024

Signed Arthur Lawrence Lorenzini, Sr.

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The following person is doing business as: Anchor Pacific Research and Appraisal Compeny, 1044 East Green Street, Pasadena, California 91106

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Signed Jack C. Flynn

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The following persons are doing business as: SCHOONOVER'S GREENERY, 225 East Foothill Avenue, Arcadia, California 91006
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Elizabeth J. Rasmussen, 621 Alta Vista Drive, Sierra Madre, California 91024

This business is conducted by a general partnership

Signed Anthon H. Rasmussen
Signed Elizabeth J. Rasmussen

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The following persons are doing business as: BALI HAI, 220 East Sierra Madre Boulevard, Sierra Madre, California 91024
Roy J. Pringle, 220 East Sierra Madre Blvd. Apt. "A", Sierra Madre, Ca 91024
Sheila J. Pringle, 220 East Sierra Madre Blvd. Apt. "A", Sierra Madre, Ca 91024
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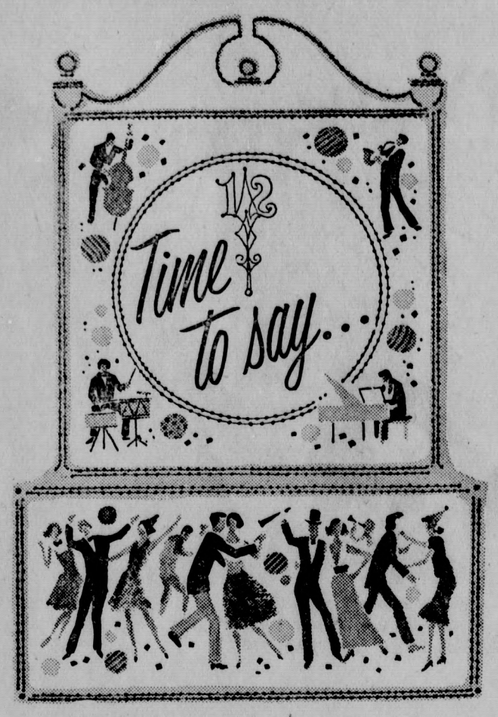

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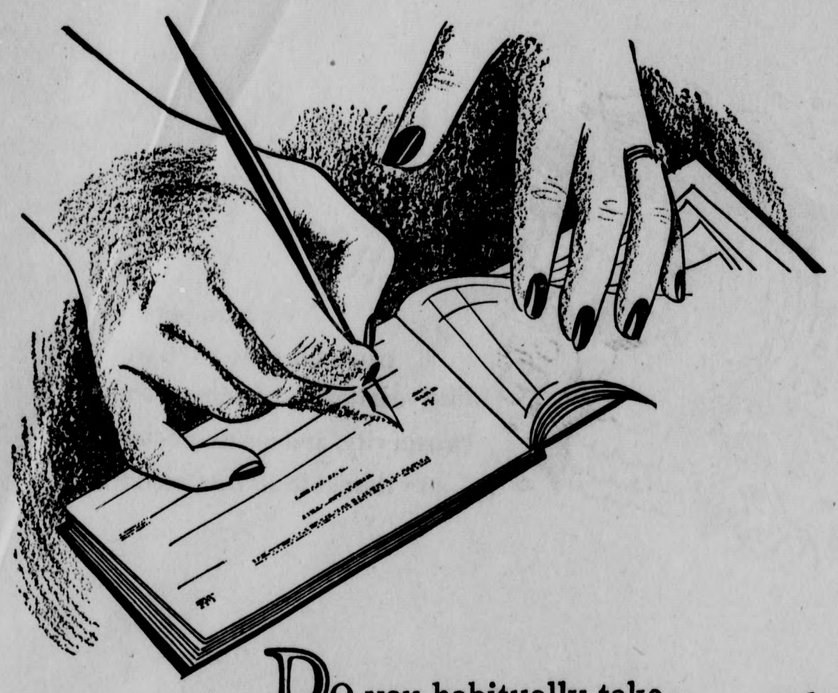

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Of course, when we spend our money away from home we get no personal benefit whatever from the 30 per cent of it which goes for community business and social improvement.

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Santa Anita Racing Now Underway

The 40th season of thoroughbred racing at Santa Anita Park opened with a flourish on Tuesday, December 28 and will continue through Sunday, April 10 with social and philanthropic events scheduled to complement the drama on the track throughout the season.

On opening day there was a full house in the Directors Lounge where Los Angeles Turf Club president Robert F. Strub and Mrs. Strub hosted the traditional opening day luncheon.

Guests will include directors, members of the Santa Anita Foundation, newspaper executives and members of the California Horse Racing Board.

Highlight of the racing program was the $40,000 Palos Verdes Handicap at a distance of six furlongs for horses of all ages. Between races mariachis entertained the opening day crowd.

Last Ski Lessons January 11, 12, 13

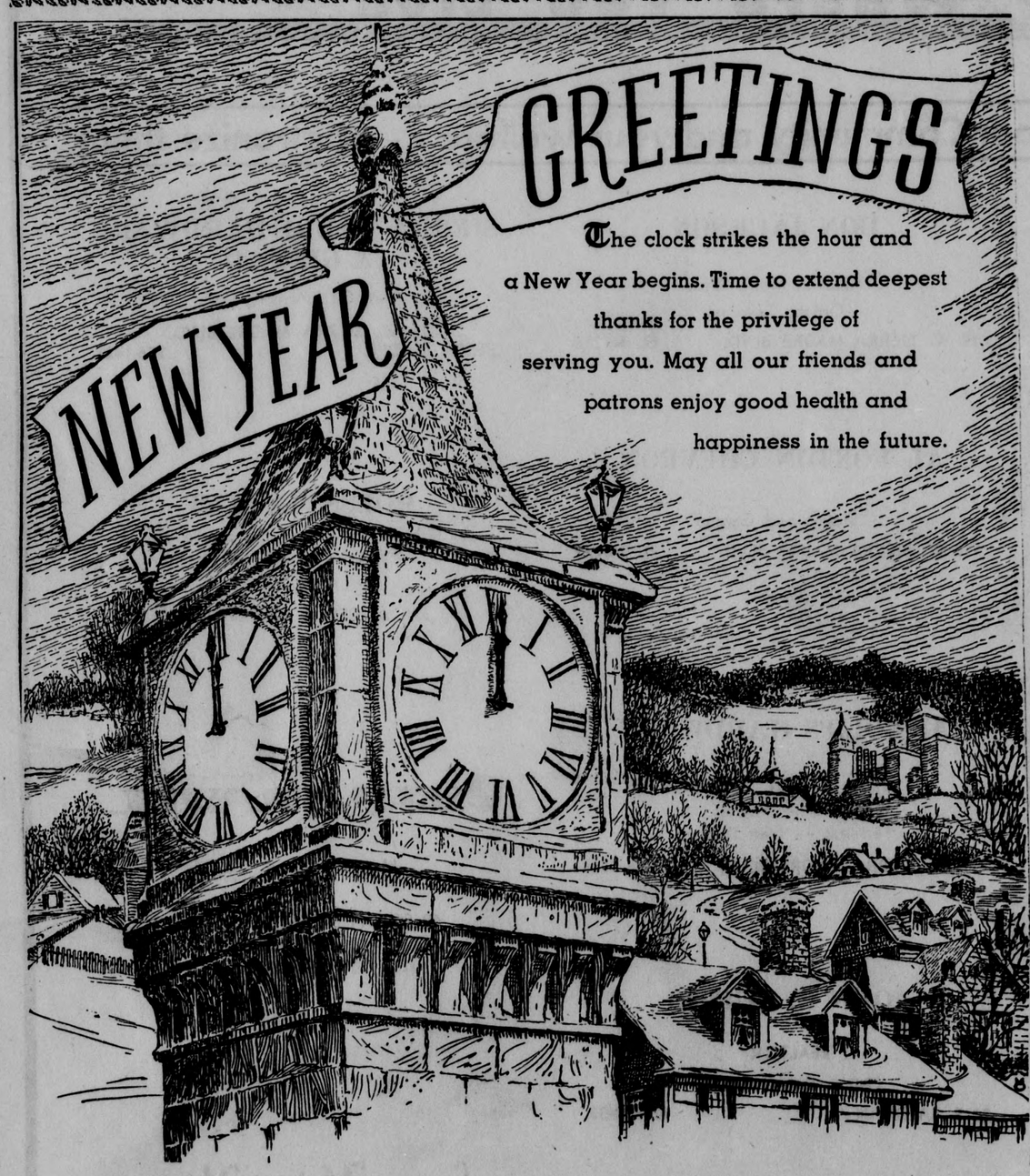
The last in a series of ski instructional programs is being offered on January 11, 12 and 13, at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, 1601 North Rosemead Blvd., South El Monte. The ski program provides the greatest (local) snow for the beginner to develop his or her individual skiing technique.

All applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Classes will begin at 7 p.m. for the first session and at 8:30 for the second session.

A norminal fee will be charged to defray the cost of snow and instruction. Ski equipment may be rented from local ski shops at special group rates.

All class participants will be given the opportunity to attend the culminating ski trip to Big Bear.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation Teen and Special Program Unit at 324-1121 between 9 and 4 weekdays or the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area office at 443-0317.



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patrons enjoy good health and
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Hear ye, hear ye...

We do hereby proclaim that 1976 will bring you health, happiness and prosperity, and we do declare our thanks to all our friends.

Dan Daniels, Postmaster, and
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Each of us has a share in building the future that lies ahead. We join you in pledging to meet the challenge with high hope and deep determination, that the future may be rich in the promise of expanding opportunity, and full of the rewards of achievement. A Happy and Successful New Year to all!

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